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SUBJECT: JAPANESE YOUTH LEADER OVERSEAS STUDY MISSION

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1. AICHI PREFECTURE SPONSORING TOUR FOR FOURTH CONSECUTIVE YEAR. THIS IS FIRST YEAR THAT GROUP INCLUDES A MEMBER WHO CAN SPEAK ENGLISH AND FIRST TIME POST OR NAGOYA AC APPROACHED FOR ASSISTANCE.

2. GROUP CONSISTS OF:

A. MR. YOSHIO OSUMI (AGE 36), SOCIETY FOR TESTING ENGLISH PROFICIENCY,

B. MR. NOBUYUKI NAKAI (AGE 40), CHUNICHI CHILDREN'S ASSOCIATION,

C. MR. TOSHINORI NAKATA (AGE 31), ATSUMI COUNTY FEDERATION OF YOUTH ORGANIZATIONS,

D. MR. TAISHIN SASAKI (AGE 39), ICHINOMIYA CITY YOUTH ASSOCIATION,

E. MR. MOTOHISA OGAWA (AGE 42), AICHI PREFECTURE FEDERATION OF YOUTH ORGANIZATIONS.

3. SOCIETY FOR TESTING ENGLISH PROFICIENCY IS LOCAL UNIT OF NATIONWIDE GROUP HOLDING MONTHLY OR BIMONTHLY MEETINGS OR SOCIAL EVENTS WITH A NATIVE SPEAKER OF ENGLISH.

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PURPOSE: TO PRACTICE ENGLISH.

4. CHUNICI CHILDREN'S ASSOCIATION BACKED BY LOCALLY INFLUENTIAL CHUNICHI NEWSPAPER MAINLY FOR PUBLIC RELATIONS.

PURPOSE: TO PLAN ORGANIZED CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES, E.G., ART SHOWS, ESSAY CONTESTS.

5. ICHINOMIYA CITY YOUTH ASSOCIATION IS LOCAL UNIT OF NATIONAL YOUTH FEDERATION, IS COMPARABLE TO YMCA AND INCLUDES YOUNG ADULTS HAVING FINISHED HIGH SCHOOL BUT NOT CONTINUING ONTO COLLEGE. PURPOSE: RECREATION.

6. ATSUMI COUNTY AND AICHI PREFECTURAL FEDERATIONS ARE INTERMEDIATE ORGANIZATIONAL UNITS OF NATIONAL YOUTH FEDERATION. PURPOSE: SAME AS PARA 5.

7. PREFECTURE PROVIDES TWO-THIRDS OF TRIP EXPENSES, BUT NO FURTHER ASSISTANCE. PREFECTURAL PAMPHLET DESCRIBES PURPOSE OF YEARLY TRIP AS: ""EXCHANGING VIEWS," "OBSERVING U.S. SITUATION WITH RESPECT TO ECONOMY, EDUCATION, CULTURE, WELFARE, DAILY LIFE, ETHNIC AWARENESS AND YOUTH ACTIVITIES," AND "PROMOTION OF GOODWILL."

8. MISSION PUBLICIZED THROUGH LOCAL NEWSLETTERS, BULLETIN BOARDS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS AT MEETINGS. OF SIX APPLICANTS, ONE WAS SCREENED OUT.

9. NAGOYA AC DIRECTOR HAS SPENT ABOUT THREE HOURS AND STAFF MEMBER ADDITIONAL TWO HOURS DISCUSSING TRIP WITH MR. OSUMI, THE APPARENT GROUP LEADER. OSAKA CONGENOFF SPENT ONE HOUR WITH MR. OSUMI.

10. COMMENT: THE PURPOSE OF MR. OSUMI'S TRIP IS NOT CLEARLY FOCUSED. HE SPEAKS AT ONE MOMENT ABOUT STUDYING JUVENILE CRIME PREVENTION AND THE NEXT ABOUT STUDYING MOUNTAIN RECREATIONAL CAMPS. HE FIRST APPROACHED NAGOYA AC IN LATE JULY. AT SUBSEQUENT MEETINGS, NAGOYA AC DIRECTOR TRIED TO ASSIST IN NARROWING PURPOSE OF VISIT TO MANAGEABLE SCOPE. MR. OSUMI SEEMED TO LOSE INTEREST. THERE WERE CERTAIN CITIES HE WANTED TO SEE AND CERTAIN PEOPLE HE WANTED TO MEET, THOUGH UNCLASSIFIED

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HE COULD NOT EXPLAIN THE RELATIONSHIP OF THE PEOPLE TO HIS DECLARED PURPOSE: TO STUDY AMERICAN YOUTH.

11. RECOMMENDATION: THAT STATE PROVIDE LOW PRIORITY ASSISTANCE TO MR. OSUMI'S GROUP. ANY ASSISTANCE SHOULD BE COORDINATED WITH MR. BARRY TINDALL OF NATIONAL RECREATION AND PARK ASSOCIATION WHO HAS AGREED TO ASSIST THE GROUP. FYI MR. OSUMI HAS ALSO ASKED FOR APPOINTMENT WITH SENATOR EDWARD KENNEDY.

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